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LEAGUE OF SHADOWS

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There are certain betrayals for which there is no forgiveness.

When his grandfather disappears in the mountains of Colorado, Nick Ferron, an ex-cop fired for insubordination during a botched raid on a drug compound in the desert Southwest, wants to know why. His grandfather, Thomas Gage, was an OSS agent in Fascist Italy late in World War II. Sent undercover to Rome in an effort to infiltrate the OVRA, Mussolini’s secret police, he was joined on his last wartime mission by Beppe Aprico, a man who, fifty years later, was the mob boss whose syndicate Ferron had penetrated, and by a Dutchman, Theunis Kloos, now ensconced in his personal fiefdom in the jungles of Suriname.

All three agents are being hunted down by an unknown enemy. Using his grandfather’s contacts, Ferron begins to investigate the events of the past in a search for answers. Making his way from the Sonoran desert to Colorado to South America and on to Europe, he tracks down the men and women involved in the wartime mission that still ties the three secret agents to the spymaster who betrayed them all.

Based on archival research in the United States and Italy, this contemporary thriller presents an evocative recreation of the oppressive atmosphere of the Fascist regime in Rome and its environs during the final years of World War II. As the danger and terror increase with heart-pounding intensity, the author reveals the inner workings of the OVRA and then casts light on atrocities committed by the Nazifascists in Northern Italy during Mussolini’s final days.

About the Author:

Ron Terpening is a novelist and professor of Italian at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He is the author of four novels and four works of nonfiction. He is now at work completing his next thriller, *NINE DAYS IN OCTOBER*, which Stuyvesant & Hoagland will publish in January 2006.

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